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SEDGWICK COUNTY HOSTS WORKSHOP ON "LIVING WITH AUTISM"

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(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – Sedgwick County Community Developmental Disability Organization (CDDO) is sponsoring a workshop entitled "Living with Autism" on June 15 and 16. The workshop will be held at the Sedgwick County Zoo Auditorium, 5555 W. Zoo Boulevard, beginning Friday afternoon at 1:30 pm.

Featured speakers are Jean-Paul Bovee and his mother, Dr. Julie Donnelly. Jean-Paul was diagnosed as autistic at the age of 3, and declared mentally retarded at the age of 6. Today, he holds two masters degrees and is manager of the Developmental Disabilities Resource Center at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Dr. Donnelly has a PhD in Special Education and 17 years of experience teaching students with disabilities.

The first session of the workshop will focus on the provision of services to individuals with autism. The second and third sessions are targeted toward families and individuals dealing with autism. Anyone is welcome to attend any of the three sessions.

A complete workshop agenda is available; call Shandi Leavendusky, Sedgwick County CDDO, at 383-8251 for more information.

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